

SENATE BILL 1526

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16;
Title 20 and Title 24, Chapter 9, relative to
requiring general sessions courts to be courts of
record.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15, Part 8, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

16-15-808. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, the
general sessions court shall be a court of record. The provisions of this section shall not
be construed as amending any of the current jurisdiction or appeal rights that currently
apply in a general sessions court. The intent of this section is to require the judge of a
general sessions court to appoint a competent court reporter, who shall first be duly
sworn to make a true, impartial, and complete stenographic report of all the oral
testimony given in trial of a general sessions case or proceeding, as well as the rulings
of the judge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.